

and activities across our Nation to recognize the contributions of African Americans since their first arrival as African slaves in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619, almost 400 years ago.

Slavery was an abhorrent institution, but the history of Virginia and our Nation cannot be fully understood without first recognizing the role played by the slave trade. This institution was the foundation of the colonial and early American agricultural system. The 20 slaves who arrived at Point Comfort in Hampton, Virginia, in 1619 were the first on record to be forcibly settled as involuntary laborers in the English colonies.

This bill will establish a commission to recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African Americans since 1619. From enduring slavery to fighting in the Civil War, to working against the oppressive Jim Crow laws, to struggling through the civil rights movement, the rich history of African Americans in the United States and their contributions to our Nation began hundreds of years ago. Obviously, this history does not end there.

The commission established by this bill will be charged with the important task of planning, developing, and implementing a series of programs and activities throughout 2019 to tell the full story of African Americans over the last 400 years. This 15-member commission will include historical experts instead of politicians. Therefore, the true legacy of African Americans will be truthfully told.

It would be a great disservice not only to African Americans, but to all Americans, if we fail to appropriately recognize this important milestone in our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank the chairman and ranking member of the committee, Mr. COMER and Mr. CONNOLLY, for their leadership in bringing this bill to the floor.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend BOBBY SCOTT for his leadership. This is an incredible service, not only to my Commonwealth of Virginia and his, but, frankly, to all Americans. This isn't just an issue for African Americans or some subgroup. All of us are formed from our history, as we know from the popularity of the opening of the new African-American museum here in Washington, which is an incredible contribution, I think, to our Nation's culture and our discussion.

Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1242, "400 Years of African-American History Commission Act", which establishes the 400 Years of African-American

History Commission to develop and carry out activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619.

Through this bill, the commission must:

1. Plan programs to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States;
2. Encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, and economic organizations to organize and participate in anniversary activities;
3. Assist states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration; and
4. Coordinate for the public scholarly research on the arrival of Africans in the United States and their contributions to this country.

The commission may provide:

1. Grants to communities and nonprofit organizations for the development of programs;
2. Grants to research and scholarly organizations to research, publish, or distribute information relating to the arrival of Africans in the United States; and
3. Technical assistance to states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration.

The commission must prepare a strategic plan and submit a final report to Congress that contains a summary of its activities, an accounting of its received and expended funds, and its recommendations.

The commission would submit a final report to the Congress and terminate on July 1, 2020.

H.R. 1242 would authorize the appropriation of the necessary amounts for those purposes.

The commission would consist of 15 members who would serve without pay but would be reimbursed for travel expenses.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1242 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028. Enacting H.R. 1242 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1242 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

August of 2019 will mark 400 years since the first documented arrival of Africans who came to English America by way of Point Comfort, Va.

Not only is it appropriate to establish a commission that would recognize the contributions of African Americans, but it is historically significant to acknowledge that the "20 and odd" Africans (as it was recorded) were the first recorded group of Africans to be sold as involuntary laborers or indentured servants in the English colonies.

The commission would be charged with highlighting the resilience and contributions of African Americans, as well as acknowledging the painful impact that slavery and other atrocities have had on our nation.

African Americans have contributed to the economic, academic, social, cultural and moral well-being of this nation.

Could we claim America as the most innovative nation on earth without the invention of the modern traffic light, the perfection of the carbon filament or the use of the mathematics that propelled Apollo astronauts to the moon?

African-American culture is American culture, and African-American discoveries are

American discoveries. Without the accomplishments of African Americans, the United States could not boast the ingenuity and cultural richness that we cherish.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1242, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1180, WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 5, 2017, THROUGH MAY 15, 2017; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-106) on the resolution (H. Res. 299) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1180) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; providing for proceedings during the period from May 5, 2017, through May 15, 2017; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 910, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 1312, by the yeas and nays; and
- H.R. 657, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

FAIR ACCESS TO INVESTMENT RESEARCH ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 910) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 2, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 237]

YEAS—405

Abraham	Correa	Grothman
Adams	Costa	Guthrie
Aderholt	Costello (PA)	Gutiérrez
Aguilar	Courtney	Hanabusa
Allen	Cramer	Harper
Amash	Crawford	Harris
Babin	Crist	Hartzler
Bacon	Crowley	Hastings
Banks (IN)	Culberson	Heck
Barletta	Cummings	Hensarling
Barr	Curbelo (FL)	Herrera Beutler
Barragán	Davidson	Hice, Jody B.
Barton	Davis (CA)	Higgins (LA)
Bass	Davis, Danny	Higgins (NY)
Beatty	Davis, Rodney	Hill
Bera	DeFazio	Himes
Bergman	DeGette	Holding
Beyer	Delaney	Hollingsworth
Biggs	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bilirakis	DeBene	Hudson
Bishop (GA)	Demings	Huizenga
Bishop (MI)	Denham	Hunter
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Issa
Black	DeSantis	Jackson Lee
Blackburn	DeSaulnier	Jayapal
Blum	DesJarlais	Jeffries
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins (KS)
Blunt Rochester	Dingell	Jenkins (WV)
Bonamici	Doggett	Johnson (GA)
Bost	Donovan	Johnson (LA)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Doyle, Michael F.	Johnson (OH)
Brady (TX)	Duffy	Johnson, E. B.
Brat	Duncan (SC)	Johnson, Sam
Bridenstine	Dunn	Jordan
Brooks (AL)	Ellison	Joyce (OH)
Brooks (IN)	Emmer	Kaptur
Brown (MD)	Engel	Katko
Brownley (CA)	Eshoo	Keating
Buchanan	Espallat	Kelly (IL)
Buck	Estes (KS)	Kelly (MS)
Bucshon	Esty (CT)	Kelly (PA)
Budd	Evans	Kennedy
Burgess	Farenthold	Khanna
Bustos	Faso	Kihuen
Butterfield	Ferguson	Kilmer
Byrne	Fitzpatrick	Kind
Calvert	Fleischmann	King (IA)
Capuano	Flores	King (NY)
Carbajal	Fortenberry	Kinzinger
Cárdenas	Foster	Knight
Carson (IN)	Fox	Krishnamoorthi
Carter (GA)	Frankel (FL)	Kuster (NH)
Carter (TX)	Franks (AZ)	Kustoff (TN)
Cartwright	Frelinghuysen	Labrador
Castor (FL)	Fudge	LaHood
Castro (TX)	Gabbard	LaMalfa
Chabot	Gaetz	Lamborn
Cheney	Gallagher	Lance
Chu, Judy	Gallego	Langevin
Ciçilline	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Clark (MA)	Garrett	Larson (CT)
Clarke (NY)	Gibbs	Latta
Clay	Gohmert	Lawson (FL)
Cleaver	Gonzalez (TX)	Lee
Clyburn	Goodlatte	Levin
Coffman	Gosar	Lewis (GA)
Cohen	Gottheimer	Lewis (MN)
Cole	Gowdy	Lieu, Ted
Collins (GA)	Granger	Lipinski
Collins (NY)	Graves (GA)	LoBiondo
Comer	Graves (LA)	Loeb
Comstock	Graves (MO)	Lofgren
Conaway	Green, Al	Long
Connolly	Green, Gene	Loudermilk
Cook	Griffith	Love
Cooper	Grijalva	Lowenthal
		Lowey

Lucas	Pocan	Smith (WA)
Luetkemeyer	Poe (TX)	Smucker
Lujan Grisham, M.	Poliquin	Soto
Luján, Ben Ray	Polis	Speier
Lynch	Posney	Stefanik
MacArthur	Price (NC)	Stewart
Maloney, Sean	Quigley	Stivers
Marchant	Raskin	Suozzi
Marshall	Ratcliffe	Swalwell (CA)
Massie	Reed	Takano
Mast	Reichert	Taylor
Matsui	Renacci	Tenney
McCarthy	Rice (NY)	Thompson (CA)
McCaul	Rice (SC)	Thompson (MS)
McClintock	Richmond	Thompson (PA)
McCollum	Roby	Thornberry
McEachin	Roe (TN)	Tiberi
McGovern	Rogers (AL)	Tipton
McHenry	Royce (CA)	Titus
McKinley	Rogers (KY)	Tonko
McMorris	Rokita	Torres
	Rooney, Francis	Trott
	Ros-Lehtinen	Tsongas
	Rosen	Turner
	Roskam	Upton
	Ross	Valadao
	Rothfus	Vargas
	Rouzer	Veasey
	Roybal-Allard	Vela
	Messer	Velázquez
	Mitchell	Visclosky
	Moolenaar	Wagner
	Mooney (WV)	Walberg
	Moore	Walden
	Moulton	Walker
	Mullin	Walorski
	Murphy (FL)	Walters, Mimi
	Murphy (PA)	Walz
	Napolitano	Wasserman
	Neal	Schultz
	Neom	Waters, Maxine
	Nolan	Watson Coleman
	Norcross	Weber (TX)
	Nunes	Webster (FL)
	O'Halleran	Welch
	O'Rourke	Wenstrup
	Palazzo	Westerman
	Pallone	Williams
	Palmer	Wilson (FL)
	Panetta	Wittman
	Pascrell	Womack
	Paulsen	Woodall
	Payne	Yarmuth
	Pearce	Yoder
	Pelosi	Yoho
	Perlmutter	Young (AK)
	Perry	Young (IA)
	Peters	Zeldin
	Peterson	
	Pingree	
	Pittenger	

NAYS—2

Huffman

Nadler

NOT VOTING—23

Amodei	Hurd	Olson
Arrington	Jones	Rohrabacher
Brady (PA)	Kildee	Rooney, Thomas J.
Chaffetz	Lawrence	
Conyers	Maloney	Ryan (OH)
Cuellar	Carroll B.	Slaughter
Deutch	Marino	Smith (MO)
Duncan (TN)	Meng	
Hultgren	Newhouse	

□ 1854

Mr. HUFFMAN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “Yea” on rollcall No. 237.

SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL FORMATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1312) to amend the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980 to require an annual review by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the annual government-business forum on capital formation that is held pursuant to such Act, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 238]

YEAS—406

Abraham	Cleaver	Frankel (FL)
Adams	Clyburn	Franks (AZ)
Aderholt	Coffman	Frelinghuysen
Aguilar	Cohen	Fudge
Allen	Cole	Gabbard
Amash	Collins (GA)	Gaetz
Arrington	Collins (NY)	Gallagher
Babin	Comer	Gallego
Bacon	Comstock	Garamendi
Banks (IN)	Conaway	Garrett
Barletta	Connolly	Gibbs
Barr	Cook	Gohmert
Barragán	Cooper	Gonzalez (TX)
Barton	Correa	Goodlatte
Bass	Costa	Gosar
Beatty	Costello (PA)	Gottheimer
Bera	Courtney	Gowdy
Bergman	Cramer	Granger
Beyer	Crawford	Graves (GA)
Biggs	Crist	Graves (LA)
Bilirakis	Crowley	Graves (MO)
Bishop (GA)	Culberson	Green, Al
Bishop (MI)	Cummings	Green, Gene
Bishop (UT)	Curbelo (FL)	Griffith
Black	Davidson	Grijalva
Blackburn	Davis (CA)	Grothman
Blum	Davis, Danny	Guthrie
Blumenauer	Davis, Rodney	Gutiérrez
Blunt Rochester	DeFazio	Hanabusa
Bonamici	DeGette	Harper
Bost	Delaney	Harris
Boyle, Brendan F.	DeLauro	Hartzler
Brady (TX)	DeBene	Hastings
Brat	Demings	Heck
Bridenstine	Denham	Hensarling
Brooks (AL)	Dent	Herrera Beutler
Brooks (IN)	DeSantis	Hice, Jody B.
Brown (MD)	DeSaulnier	Higgins (LA)
Brownley (CA)	DesJarlais	Higgins (NY)
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart	Hill
Buck	Dingell	Himes
Bucshon	Doggett	Holding
Budd	Donovan	Hollingsworth
Burgess	Doyle, Michael F.	Hoyer
Bustos	Duffy	Hudson
Butterfield	Duncan (SC)	Huffman
Byrne	Dunn	Huizenga
Calvert	Ellison	Hunter
Capuano	Emmer	Issa
Carbajal	Engel	Jackson Lee
Cárdenas	Eshoo	Jayapal
Carson (IN)	Espallat	Jeffries
Carter (GA)	Estes (KS)	Jenkins (KS)
Carter (TX)	Esty (CT)	Jenkins (WV)
Cartwright	Evans	Johnson (GA)
Castor (FL)	Farenthold	Johnson (LA)
Castro (TX)	Faso	Johnson (OH)
Chabot	Ferguson	Johnson, E. B.
Cheney	Fitzpatrick	Johnson, Sam
Chu, Judy	Fleischmann	Jordan
Ciçilline	Flores	Joyce (OH)
Clark (MA)	Fortenberry	Katko
Clarke (NY)	Foster	Keating
Clay	Fox	Kelly (IL)